

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A tool (1; 101; 201) for removing ticks (15) and other like parasites from the skin (16), which tool has an engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302)-with a bottom face (12; 312) and a top face (14; 314), wherein a V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304) is provided that has side faces (11; 311) between the bottom face and the top face at an edge (5) of the engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302), which side edges (11; 311) converge towards each other from an outer opening at the edge (5) towards an internal assembly point (6; 306), said V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304) being wider at the top face (14; 314) of the engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302) than it is at the underside (12; 312), wherein characterised in that a considerable portion of each side face (11; 311) of the V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304) between the underside (12; 312) and the top face (14; 314) of the engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302) is constituted by a concave engagement face (13; 313), and wherein at the bottom of the V-shaped groove a cutter blade is provided in level with the bottom face.
2. (Original) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that a lowermost part of the concave engagement face (13; 313) is essentially in parallel with the bottom face (12; 312).
3. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (13) is formed by a continuously curved line segment.
4. (Original) A tool according to claim 3, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (13) is formed by a drawing of a circle.

5. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (13) is formed by number of straight lines.
6. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that each side face (11; 311) comprises a lowermost part (11a, 11b; 311a) that extends essentially perpendicularly from the bottom face (12; 312) and is connected to the concave engagement face (13; 313).
7. (Original) A tool according to claim 6, characterised in that, at least for a distance, the lowermost part (11a, 11b; 311a) of the side face (11; 311) is increasing in height, seen from the edge (5) to the assembly point (6; 306).
8. (Original) A tool according to claim 7, characterised in that the lowermost part (11a, 11b; 311a) of the side face (11; 311) has a constant low height a distance from the edge into the V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304).
9. (Currently amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that an innermost part of the lowermost part (11b) of the side face (11) is provided with parallel side faces.
10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part (3) provided with an upwardly protruding transverse beam (7) for supporting a thumb.

12. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part (103) provided with an indentation (107) for supporting a thumb.

13. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part (203) provided with a ribbed area (207) for supporting a thumb.

14. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises at least one recess (8; 108; 208a, 208b) at the edge in support of at least one finger.

15. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in being plate- shaped.

16. (Original) A tool according to claim 15, characterised in that at least one recess (10; 110; 210) is provided in the area between the engagement part (2; 102; 202) and the holder part (3; 103; 203).

17. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 15, characterised in that the largest outer dimension of the tool corresponds essentially to the dimensions of a credit card.